



WARNER WEEKLY

News & Information at Your Fingertips



www.bamberg.army.mil / Fri. Aug. 3, 2007 / VOL. 2, Issue 30

Bamberg students learn the magic behind the media

Story and photo by Amy L. Bugala

Bamberg Summer Enrichment Program students made headlines during a stop at the US Army Garrison Bamberg Public Affairs Office in July.

As part of the Media Magic Class curriculum, seventeen students learned about various news and broadcast media while visiting the garrison PAO and the Armed Forces Network Radio Franconia station for hands-on working sessions.

"The four week course gave the sixth and eighth grade students an opportunity to review and improve their language arts and math skills in a fun and exciting way," said Ivonne Santana, Media Magic class teacher.

During the first week students learned about the print media process by conducting interviews, writing stories and taking pictures. With the help of the PAO, the students selected which articles to print, wrote headlines, and published a special edition of the electronic weekly garrison publication, the Warner Weekly.

In preparation for their visit to the AFN Franconia radio station the class analyzed the original broadcast of The War of the Worlds and the effects of radio on our society. "The fun part was recording their own broadcast, sound effects and all, to share with classmates," said Santana.

The students were challenged to write and video tape their own television pilot while learning about television media. During a subsequent visit to the PAO, the class was shown how emergency messages transmit through the USAG Bamberg Command Information Channel (channel 1 in on-post housing).



Krista Browning, a contractor for the USAG Bamberg Public Affairs Office explains the process of producing the Warner Weekly to the Summer Enrichment Program Media Magic class.

"Unlike newspapers and print media, electronic media is practically instantaneous," said James Fredrick, a contractor for the PAO. "The students were impressed that they could immediately see their work on the television," he continued.

The CIC demonstration was of particular interest to Media Magic student Wismary Vazquez, who said she regularly creates picture shows with music and editing to send to her dad downrange. The Command Information Channel features continuous information on community events, safety issues, announcements from the command and the community. Emergency information is also programmed on a ticker tape that scrolls by on the bottom of the television screen.

During the last week of the course the students spent time learning about a

non-traditional but highly effective source of news and information, the internet. PAO webmaster, Nicole Karsch-Meibom, explained the possibilities of the internet while simultaneously reminding the students of the dangers of working with this type of media. The students learned how a web page is built and then published to the Bamberg homepage.

The Summer Enrichment Program ended on July 27. Santana expressed thanks and appreciation to all the agencies that opened their doors to her class this summer. Renate Bohlen, Public Affairs Officer said, "We were happy to give the students a behind the scenes look at how the news is produced and distributed throughout the community. We hope their interest continues to grow while their families are stationed here at Warner Barracks."

If you have questions, we have answers! Attend the next Bamberg Community Town Hall, Wed. Aug 8 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall!

Army extends Family Readiness Support Assistants to Battalions

By Bill Bradner, Army News Service

The Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, at the request of senior Army leadership, is expanding the Family Readiness Support Assistant program to reach all the way to the battalion level, Army-wide, to support deployed Soldiers and their Families.

Currently, there are slightly less than 400 FRSAs Army-wide, including Guard and Reserve units. They are primarily contract, term or temporary over-hire positions, funded by war on terror supplemental funding or unit funds, and managed by their respective Army commands. Under the new program, recently approved by Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr., the positions will be added to unit manning documents, centrally funded, and FMWRC will provide program oversight.

"Commanders had already identified the need and we're responding," said Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, FMWRC commander. "We're not inventing anything new here. We're taking something that works well and expanding it, providing a uniform level of support to Soldiers and Families Army-wide."

The plan calls for an end-state of as many as 1,100 FRSAs throughout the Army, placing a support assistant in each deployable battalion, brigade, division and corps headquarters. The FRSAs will hold DA Civilian positions at the GS-6 level.

The need for FRSAs was initially identified through the Army Family Action Plan. The FRSAs will remain a component of the unit commander's Family readiness program, and will be supervised by the commander or his designee. Their primary duties will be to provide administrative assistance in support of the unit's Family readiness programs and activities.

Some examples of the duties include assisting with the preparation of pre-deployment and redeployment activities; scheduling and coordinating Family readiness or unit-sponsored training; assisting in developing and distributing unit newsletters; coordinating video teleconferences for Families and deployed Soldiers; and serving as a link between garrison community agencies and the unit. Training for



Sarah Wingard, Family Readiness Support Assistant for the 54th Engineer Battalion, discusses back to school dates with First Sgt. Jeffrey Mann, Forward Support Company.

FRSAs will be provided by Army Community Service professionals and Reserve-Component Family Program staff.

Capt. Brian Pugh, rear detachment commander, 54th Engineer Battalion, in Bamberg, Germany, said the FRSA at his unit has been a tremendous asset.

"She performs duties to support the Family Readiness Group leader during deployment, but the FRG leader is a volunteer spouse," Capt. Pugh said. "The FRG is a tremendous asset, and hasn't gone away, but now there's someone in this office eight hours a day and FRG leaders and Family members know right where to come if they need help."

Forces Command has had FRSAs in place for almost two years at the brigade level. FORSCOM spokesman Kim Waldren said the growing number of Soldiers serving multiple deployments drove FRG volunteers into overtime that became impossible to sustain.

By adding a full-time, paid employee to the brigade commander's staff, FRG leaders and Family members were given an easily accessible contact, and the commander was given someone he could hold accountable to ensure Families receive the support needed.

"With an FRSA on staff, I now have someone who is committed to the brigade, but is also a paid employee that I hold accountable for things I need to get done," said Col. Jim Pasquarette, commander, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

While the bulk of the work an FRSA does is administrative, they also improve connections with other Army support agencies and programs available for Soldiers and Family members.

The position remains in place even when the unit is not deployed, providing continuity in a world climate that requires units to participate in multiple deployments.

"This is such a difficult time for our Soldiers and Families," said Delores Johnson, director of Family Programs at FMWRC, the lead agency in overseeing the expansion of the FRSA program. "We know FRSAs have had an incredible impact at the brigade level, and are thrilled at the opportunity to provide that level of support and assistance to the battalions."

"Anything we can do to make it easier on the Families back home has a direct impact on the morale of the deployed Soldier, as well," she continued. "This is just a win-win situation all around."

Published by the USAG Bamberg Public Affairs Office. To submit an announcement call 469-2000 or e-mail bambergpao@eur.army.mil

Indefinite Reenlistment Program designed to offer NCOs career security

By Staff Sgt. Marc Brooks

U.S. Army Europe Retention Operations NCO

Contrary to popular belief, the Army's Indefinite Reenlistment Program does not mean a Soldier is "locked in" to a contract with the Army indefinitely.

The program was designed to give quality NCOs in the ranks of staff sergeant through sergeant major a greater sense of security by offering a career contract similar to that by which Army officers are retained that provides one final contract that will take them to retirement, say U.S. Army Europe retention officials.

How does the program work?

When an eligible NCO reenlists, he is processed through the RETAIN reenlistment computer system; completes all required reenlistment documents, and takes the oath of enlistment. At that time, retention officials explained, the Soldier's new Expiration of Term of Service date will become the same date as the Retention Control Point for his current rank. For example, a staff sergeant can remain in the Army for 22 years and not have to reenlist again.

From that point on, when the Soldier is promoted, his ETS date will be updated to reflect the RCP for the new rank. RCPs for staff sergeants through sergeants major are listed in the accompanying table.

If a Soldier serving on an indefinite reenlistment has less than 20 years service and exceeds an RCP due to being reduced in rank, the Soldier may remain on active duty to attain retirement eligibility unless separated earlier for other administrative, physical or Uniform Code of Military Justice reasons.

After reenlisting for the indefinite program, a Soldier can request voluntary separation or retirement, provided all Service Remaining Requirements have been fulfilled, in a manner similar to officers.

An example would be a staff sergeant with 11 years time in service who reenlists under the indefinite reenlistment program. If the Soldier is reassigned to the U.S. he incurs a 12 month SRR. Once the 12

Rank	Retention Control Point
Staff Sergeant	22 years
Staff Sergeant (promotable)	24 years
Sgt. 1 st Class	24 years
Sgt. 1 st Class (promotable)	26 years
1 st Sgt./Master Sgt.	26 years
1 st Sgt./Master Sgt. (promotable)	30 years
Sgt. Maj./Command Sgt. Maj.	30 years

months are complete, he can request separation through his personnel office.

Some other examples of SRRs that a staff sergeant could incur include 24 months for promotion to sergeant first class; 12 to 36 months for reassignment (depending on the type of tour), or 12 months to receive corrective eye surgery.

Soldiers who would like more information on the indefinite reenlistment program can contact their local career counselor or reenlistment NCO.

New German law gets tough on drinking drivers younger than 21

By Spc. Shane Eschenburg

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

German lawmakers have approved a new zero-tolerance law aimed at drinking drivers under 21 years old.

Beginning Aug. 1, drivers in Germany who have not yet reached their 21st birthdays are subject to a charge of driving under the influence if any level of alcohol is found in their blood while operating a motor vehicle. The same applies to beginning drivers with German driver's licenses, regardless of age, during the two-year probation period that comes with their new licenses.

Hans-Juergen Howoldt, foreign law branch attorney-advisor for the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Judge Advocate, said the main reason the law was enacted is because statistics in Germany show that more young adults are getting in serious accidents, and that many of those misdeeds are related to alcohol.

"You only have to read the paper and see that inexperienced alcohol drinkers are underestimating the alcohol content found in German alcohol," said Howoldt.

The standard fine for offenses under the new law is 125 Euro, but according to the German catalog of administrative fines, the fine can be increased to 150 Euro if third parties are endangered by the violation, and up to 175 Euro if property is damaged. In some cases, the fine could be increased to 1,000 Euro, depending on the circumstances surrounding the offense.

If underage DUI offenders are caught with a blood alcohol level of .05 or higher -- the "standard" DUI threshold for drivers in Germany -- they face even stiffer penalties, said Howoldt. The fine would be 250 Euro and a potential one-month suspension of driving privileges for the first offense; 500 and a potential three-month suspension for the second, and 750 and up to a three-month suspension for the third violation.

Howoldt emphasized that anyone planning to drink alcoholic beverages should not drive, because there are misconceptions about the effects alcohol has on a person's body.

The new law doesn't yet apply to driving on military installations in Germany, but Tom Lorenzini, registrar with United States Army Europe Registry of Motor Vehicles, said it is common for military installations to adopt the laws of the host communities.

**Tune into AFN, AM channel 1143, to hear our deployed soldiers.
Deployed 173d soldiers from Bamberg will be calling in on Monday's at 7 a.m.**

U.S. Army Europe officials remind drivers of importance of international licenses

By Spc. Sean Finch

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

Upon arrival in Germany, Soldiers, DoD civilian employees and family members have much to do while getting settled in. One major item on that "to-do list" is getting a U.S. Army Europe driver's license.

The USAREUR license entitles the bearer to drive within the confines of the country in which it was issued. Driving to other European hot spots as Paris, Prague or Stockholm requires an international license.

For example, a USAREUR license obtained in Germany is a privilege granted through an agreement with the German government only, said Tom Lorenzini, of the USAREUR Registry of Motor Vehicles here.

"That means that you must get an international driver's license in order to legally drive outside the German borders," he said.

Because other countries are not bound by the licensing agreements between the United States military and Germany, they will only recognize an international driving license issued in accordance with appropriate international agreements, continued Lorenzini, a former military policeman who has worked in the USAREUR RMV for 17 years.

Lorenzini stressed that while having an international driver's license is important, it is still contingent upon the validity of a USAREUR license.

"Because the international license is registered using your Army Europe license, if one gets suspended or revoked, so does the other," he said.

Any driver who has his USAREUR license suspended or revoked receives written notification by mail, and a copy of their suspension is sent to his chain of command. Additionally, all licenses based on the USAREUR license are suspended, too, said Lorenzini.

"If your license gets suspended, you will definitely know," he said.

Currently, USAREUR personnel are encouraged to get an international license. However, they may soon be required to carry one when driving outside Germany, said Lorenzini.

For information on obtaining an international driver's license, USAREUR personnel can contact the driver's licensing office in their community.

Community Announcements

Memorial service planned for 173d Soldiers

The memorial ceremony for Maj. Thomas G. Bostick, Jr. and Staff Sgt. William R. Fritsche, both from 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, will be Wed., Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. in the Ledward Chapel on Ledward Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Attend next Community Town Hall Aug. 8

The next Community Town Hall will be on Wed. Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall. Community leaders from the Garrison Command Group, Directorate of Public Works, AAFES, Service Credit Union, Commissary, DMWR, DoDDs, Chaplains Office, Legal Assistance and more will be on hand to answer your questions and address your concerns.

Parking Reminder for Warner Barracks Residents

USAG Bamberg reminds all Warner Barracks residents to follow post policy 05-43 when parking their vehicles. This policy states that all residents will park in their own designated parking space. Since there is a very limited number of parking spaces in the housing areas, every family has only one designated parking space. Please be sure to park your vehicle in your assigned space so you are not inconveniencing your neighbor. If you have an extra vehicle and are not sure where to park it or are not sure where your assigned parking space is, please contact your building coordinator. To read the full policy, go to <http://www.bamberg.army.mil/policies/05-43.doc>.

Thinking of going to Law School?

The Office of The Judge Advocate General (OTJAG) is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense if funding permits. Selected officers will attend law school beginning the Fall of 2008 and will remain on active duty while attending law school. All interested commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain with at least two years, but not more than six years, total active Federal service should contact Cpt. Neuhauser at DSN:469-7951.

Weekly Reminders

A friendly reminder from your Commissary...

If you purchase coffee at the Commissary, a ration card is needed for American and European labeled products.

For questions concerning ration cards please contact your unit or the USAG Bamberg Directorate of Human Resources Office at DSN:469-7713 for more information.

ACS offers weekly FRG training

Army Community Service is offering recurring Family Readiness Group related training every first to 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Yellow Ribbon Room (Bldg. 7354). Topics include Phone Tree/Key Caller Training, Money Matters (FRG Fund Management), Newsletter Writing and one flexible topic that will change every quarter. Training is on a walk-in basis. There is a playroom for children on the site. Please call in advance if you want to come in as a group. For more information call the Yellow Ribbon Room at CIV:0951-300-7622.

Yellow Ribbon Room Operating Hours:

Normal Hours of Operation:

Weekdays - 1000 to 1800 hrs.

Closed on weekends and all Federal Holidays.

Attend next P.E.P. class Aug. 13-17

Are you new to USAG Bamberg? If this is your first tour overseas, then PEP is a "must"! Get to know the garrison and the town of Bamberg by touring the city with the ACS PEP program. Learn how to use the public transportation system, how to shop and visit the Bamberg Klinikum. Free childcare is provided (space is limited). PEP is free and takes place Mon. Aug. 13 to Fri. Aug 17, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call Bamberg ACS at CIV:0951-300-7777 for details.

Make appointment to ship Hold Baggage

The Bamberg post office is expecting heavy PCS hold baggage mailings this summer. If you are PCS'ing and want to mail authorized hold baggage items with government reimbursement, please make a mailing appointment.

Appointments can be made for the morning prior to the Post Office opening and can be accommodated during the business day based on staffing.

Regular postal patrons take priority over hold baggage for PCS moves so please take advantage of the appointment system and reduce the time you may spend waiting in line. Call the Post Office at DSN:469-8820 to schedule your appointment. The Bamberg Post Office is open normal business hours from, Mon. to Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thur. 12 to 6 p.m.

Substance abuse training mandatory for DA civilians

Department of the Army civilians (AF and NAF) must complete a minimum of 2 hours of substance abuse prevention training annually. Bamberg ASAP is offering courses to fulfill this requirement Aug. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m., Aug. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information call Darlene Copeland at DSN:469-7038.

Community Closures / Changes

CYS PAC meeting rescheduled

The CYS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting has been rescheduled from Fri. Aug. 3 to Wed. Aug. 8 at noon. The meeting will be held in the training room at the Central Enrollment and Registration office. Parents are invited to come and have lunch while getting updates on all CYS programs. For more information, contact Randy Lambert at DSN:469-8641.

Health and Fitness

101 Days FY comparison

By Lori Yerdon, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

Midway through this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, the Army's number of off-duty fatalities are down by one compared to last year's midway point.

Beginning May 28, the Army's safety campaign has focused on increasing awareness and safety precautions on activities popular during the summer months.

"It is not that these activities, such as hiking, swimming and grilling, are more dangerous during these 101 days of summer," said Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell, U.S. Army

Combat Readiness Center command sergeant major. "But there is a greater exposure to participate in these activities due to the great weather and limited opportunities between missions and training. Greater exposure and more participation can result in accident or injury if you don't think before you act."

Although the number of total fatalities in accidents this summer has decreased 20 versus 21, motorcycle and water-related accidental fatalities have increased, compared to the same timeframe last year, between May 28 and July 10.

In the first half of this campaign, we have already lost seven Soldiers to water-related accidents and nine Soldiers to motorcycle accidents, said Col. John Campbell, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center command surgeon. "This is five more water-related fatalities and one more motorcycle fatality than last year for the same timeframe. This doesn't mean we shift all of our focus to water-related activities and motorcycles neglecting other risky activities. We need to continually apply Composite Risk Management to all on-and off-duty activities to prevent all accidental losses."

In June, a Soldier was killed while boating on a lake with another Soldier. When the Soldier stood up in the boat, a gust of wind blew his hat into the water, knocked him off balance and he fell overboard. The second Soldier dove into the water to retrieve the hat and noticed that the first Soldier was having difficulty swimming back to the boat. The first Soldier submerged as the second Soldier tried to assist him. Although personal flotation devices were available, neither was wearing them. Alcohol was reported as a factor in the accident.

Another Soldier was killed June 12 while operating a borrowed Kawasaki Ninja ZX-6. While attempting to negotiate a turn, the Soldier lost control of the motorcycle, went into a ditch and struck a fence. He was not wearing a helmet or other personal protective equipment. He was also driving on a DUI restricted license, which limited him to driving to and from work. Speed was a contributing factor.

"The majority of accidents are the result of bad decisions," said Glidewell. "But great leaders who take the time and know their Soldiers can engage and impact these decisions, correcting them. As an Army, we have already seen that engaged leadership can decrease losses."

As the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign continues through Labor Day, the Army will continue to highlight those activities that historically have affected formations by claiming lives. The USACRC remains committed to providing information and tools enabling commanders, Soldiers and leaders to engage at all echelons.

"Leaders can help identify risk and help make the difference between enjoying the activities and becoming a statistic and loss to our formation," said Glidewell.

Continuing Education & Training

Bamberg Education Center

Registration for Term I begins Aug. 6. Classes start Aug. 20.

Bamberg Education Center: 469-7715
 Central Texas College: 469-7467
 University of Maryland University College: 469-7466 / 7670
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University: 469-9279

Term I Course Schedule (Aug. 20 through Oct. 13)

Lunchtime Classes every Mon. through Thur.

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (3 s.h.)

BIOL 211 Environmental Science (UMUC)

Evening Classes every Monday & Wednesday

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (3 s.h.)

HUMN 127 World Religions (UMUC)

STAT200 Introduction to Statistics (UMUC)

Evening Classes every Tuesday & Thursday

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (3 s.h.)

BMGT 110 Introduction to Business Management (UMUC)

GERM 111 Elementary German I (UMUC)

Evening Classes every Tuesday & Thursday

6 – 8 p.m. (3 s.h.)

CDEC 2326 Administration of Programs for Children (CTC)

CJSA 1342 Criminal Investigation (CTC)

Weekend Classes (1 s.h.)

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Aug. 25/26; 8/9 & Sept. 22/23; Oct. 6/7

BEHS 210 Introduction to Social and Behavioral Science (UMUC)

Weekend Seminars— Saturday and Sunday

9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (1 s.h.)

LIBS150 Information Literacy and Research Methods (UMUC)
 (Sept. 8 and 22)

CMST100A Introduction to Microcomputers: Hardware & Software (UMUC)
 (Sept. 15 and 16)

Kids and Teens

Sign up for free and reduced lunch program

Parents can sign up for the 'Free and Reduced Lunch Program' through Child and Youth Services (CYS) starting August 6. Necessary forms are available at CYS Central Registration and Enrollment (CER), Bldg. 7340, or any CYS program. Applications will be processed at CER Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between August 6 and 24, 9-11 a.m. Parents need to bring a copy of their Leave and Earning Statement (LES). For more details please contact CYS CER at CIV:0951-300-8660.

Student 2 Student Welcome Week

Are you new to Bamberg? Feeling anxious about your first day of school? All 7th through 12th graders are invited to participate in the CYS Student 2 Student Welcome Week program Aug. 20 to 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This jam packed program will take you on a behind the scenes tour of your new school, on an underground tour of Bamberg, a trip to an amusement park, a high ropes course and more. No teachers, no parents – just the facts about Middle/High School from one student to another. Register at the CYS Central Registration and Enrollment office or call Kim Kozel at CIV:0951-300-7469.



Photo by Michelle Hall

Two Cub Scouts from Bamberg Pack 48 enjoy one of the many exciting activities held by the Pack throughout the year.

Cub Scout Recruitment Roundup

Bamberg Cub Scout Pack 48 will host a Recruitment Roundup Open House on Thursday, August 30th at 6pm. Parents, please bring your boys (1st grade through 5th grade) to the open house to learn about the Cub Scout program in the Bamberg Community. Meet the Den Leaders and sign your son up for this program. The Open House will be at the Boy and Girl Scout Hut, Building 7480, across from the soccer field behind Ray's Diner. For more information, please call CIV:0951-208-8926.



Bamberg Performing Arts ballet workshop

The Bamberg Performing Arts club will be holding a ballet workshop on Aug. 8, 9 and 10 in the Bamberg Elementary School multipurpose room. Instructors Dr. Delome Greenwald-Schmitt and Mr. Helmut Schmitt will be teaching three classes each day.

- K to 1st grade will meet from 9 to 10:15 a.m., cost \$15.
 - 2nd to 4th grade will meet from 10:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., cost \$30.
 - 5th to 12th grade will meet from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m., cost \$30.
- Only 25 openings per class so call Kat Whitbeck at CIV:0951-301-4121 or email BPAC04@googlemail.com today to sign up.

Middle School Teen Trips

Trips are open to CYS registered Middle School Students!

Prague: Aug. 4, FREE!

Leipzig Zoo: Aug. 4, 5:45 a.m. 12€

BUGA, German National

Garden Show: Aug. 7, 6:30 a.m. \$10

Palm Beach Nuernberg: Aug. 8, 9:45 a.m. EUR 15.00

Holiday Park: Aug. 10, 6 a.m. EUR 25€

Geiselwind Amusement Park: Aug. 21, 9 a.m. 21.50€

Skyland Park: Aug. 24, 6 a.m. 16€

School News

Update information with schools

Be sure to update your students file with your new CMR address. If the school has your old unit address it could take weeks for you to receive any announcements sent out. Important information will be mailed out in the next few weeks, so update your address as soon as possible.

Entertainment & Leisure

ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

dramaforthemasses



ON TOUR IN GERMANY, BELGIUM AND THE UK—AUGUST 2007

FRIDAY AUGUST 17, 9:00PM

MOONLIGHT CABIN USAG BAMBERG



www.armedforcesentertainment.com



Fishing license certification

Going fishing? Not without a license! IMCOM-E certified instructors are offering fishing license certification courses at Bamberg Warner Barracks. For more information contact Bambergfishing@eur.army.mil or call CIV:0951-300-9010.

Photo Studio Special in August

Come in and get your photos taken from our photographer Kim in August and you will receive a coupon for 25% off on all materials for a project at the Matting and Framing Shop! Call the Community Activity Center at CIV:0951-300-8659 for more information or to set up an appointment.

AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is
CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Fri.	Aug. 3	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Aug. 4	Hairspray (PG) Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Aug. 5	Hairspray (PG) Gracie (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Aug. 6	Hairspray (PG)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Aug. 9	Gracie (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Aug. 10	The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Aug. 11	Surf's Up (PG) The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Aug. 12	Surf's Up (PG) Waitress (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Aug. 13	The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Aug. 16	Waitress (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Aug. 17	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Aug. 18	Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13) The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)	3 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Aug. 19	Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13) Knocked Up (R)	3 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Aug. 20	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Aug. 23	Knocked Up (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Aug. 24	Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Aug. 25	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG) Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Sun.	Aug. 26	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG) Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)	4 p.m. 7 p.m.
Mon.	Aug. 27	Rush Hour (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Aug. 30	Nancy Drew (PG)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Aug. 31	Stardust (PG-13)	7 p.m.

Trips & Travel Opportunities

See Seehof Castle

Visit Bamberg's Exhibition Tue. Aug. 7, 1 p.m. Librarian Andrea Wittkamp is taking interested parties on a guided tour to Schloss Seehof in Memmelsdorf. Participants meet at the Community Library. Please bring 3.50 Euros for the admission fee and guided tour.

1000 Years Bamberg Dioceses!

Tue. Aug. 21, 1 p.m. Librarian Andrea Wittkamp is taking you to this must-see exhibition and organizes a guided tour. See the famous cathedral treasure and a collection of most valuable medieval books that are exhibited only during this special show! Please bring Euros for the entry fee.

Take a trip with ODR in August

Take a trip this August with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation.

Go Kayaking on the Main River: Aug. 4 & 18 (\$5)
Tour Under Bamberg: Aug. 9 (\$20)
Trip to Europa Park: Aug. 11 (\$10)
Munich Deutsches Museum: Aug. 18 (\$10)
Visit Rothenburg ob der Tauber: Aug. 25 (\$10)
Family Canoe Day: Aug. 31 (\$5 p.p.)

Trips fill up quickly, so reserve your seat now. Contact the CAC for more info at DSN:469-8659.

Job Opportunities

Dance Instructor sought

Are you a dancer/choreographer who would like to earn some spare cash, teaching adults and older teens dance? The Bamberg Stable Theater is in search of tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, salsa and/or jitterbug dance teachers to contract. Call Jack Austin at Stable Theater CIV:0951-300-8647 for details.

Respite Care Providers Needed

Are you a dependable and caring individual motivated by a desire to serve family members with disabilities? If so, then contact the Bamberg Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) manager and learn how to become a Respite Care provider. The training is free and providers can earn \$25 to \$45 per hour per child. For more information please contact the ACS, EFMP manager Sandi Cox at DSN 469-7777 or CIV 0951-300-7777.

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

Most events can be found on the Bamberg city map. To find a location, click here www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/news/map.pdf

Friday, August 3

Noon Medieval market and performances at Castle Rabenstein at Ahorntal (95491), lasts all day
 8 p.m. 2nd culture fest with classic, pop, rock at Hainbad in Bamberg, tickets 0951 - 98290 - 0 / -46
 8 p.m. Open air concert Moskitos at Sportgelände Hammerstatt, Kaulberg 50, 96175 Pettstadt

Saturday, August 4

Noon Medieval market and performances at Castle Rabenstein at Ahorntal (95491)
 3 p.m. Wine fest at Sportsheim, Main river banks, Kemmern (96164)
 6 p.m. Medieval Music concert at Castle Wernsdorf, Zur Schleifmühle 4, Wernsdorf (96129), for tickets call 0951-54900 or bvd Kartenservice 0951-9808220
 6 p.m. Wine fest of the Mönchherrnsdorfer brass band at Mönchherrnsdorf, Zum Zehnthof, Mönchherrnsdorf (96138)
 8 p.m. 2nd culture fest with classic, pop, rock at Hainbad in Bamberg and fireworks, tickets 0951-98290-0 / -46
 8 p.m. Klezmer concert of traditional Jewish music at Schloss Geyerswörth, Geyerswörthplatz, Bamberg

Sunday, August 5

Noon Medieval market and performances at Castle Rabenstein at Ahorntal (95491)
 2 p.m. 10 years Villa Concordia International House of Artists, Concordiastraße, free entry
 2 p.m. Weinfest Kemmern at Sportheim, am Main, Kemmern (96164)
 2:30 p.m. Vienna mélange music at Cafe im Rosengarten, Rose Garden, free entry
 5 p.m. Organ Summer with baroque music at church St. Kunigund, (Joseph-Otto-Kolb-Str. 1), free entry
 8 p.m. Onda Flamenca show at Schloss Geyerswörth, Geyerswörthplatz, next to tourist information

Thursday, August 9

2 p.m. Medieval fest with shows and stands in Nuremburg, entries at Hallertor (Neutorggraben/Maxplatz) and Tiergaertnertor (Neutorggraben)
 7: 30 p.m. Days of classic music: piano recital at Spiegelsaal, (Schillerplatz 5) for tickets call: 01805 4470111
 9 p.m. hiphop jam music party feat. bambaegga [bamberg] . soul jam [nuernberg] . Schlemmer styles [muenchen] . delicious kris [merkendorf nord] at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7
 9:30 p.m. "Kansas City Heat" (Soul & Blues) at Mojo Club, (Obstmarkt 9)

Upcoming concerts

Here is a selection of concert in other German towns that might be of interest. For tickets call CIV:01805/570 000 or check out the www.eventim.de or any other ticket office.

August 13	Rolling Stones in Duesseldorf
August 28	TOOL in Frankfurt, Jahrhunderthalle
September 12	Gwen Stefani in Munich
September 15	Gwen Stefani in Cologne
October 10	Keith Urban in Munich, Zenith
October 11	Keith Urban in Frankfurt, Jahrhunderthalle
October 13	World Wrestling "Survivor Series" in Cologne
October 22	Meat Loaf in Mannheim at SAP Arena
October 24	Meat Loaf at Arena Nuremberg Versicherung

Local Activities:

Parish Fairs

- 2 - 6 Aug.** Bamberg Gartenstadt (*Seehofstrasse 23*)
2 - 6 Aug. Giech, City of Schesslitz
2 - 6 Aug. Zueckshut, Breitenguessbach, Rieneck restaurant
4 - 5 Aug. St. Johannes Regnitzau, County Hirschaid

Frankonian Switzerland

The region between Bamberg, Bayreuth, Kulmbach and Erlangen is referred to as the Frankonian Switzerland because its beauty reminds many of what you see when you go over the Swiss border. The region was first discovered by two students exploring in 1793. They wrote down their discovery and soon the area became very popular. There is hardly any other stretch of countryside that holds so many contrasts within such a small area: soaring towers atop of rocky cliffs, winding valleys, blossoming orchards, mysterious caverns. It is impossible to list all the wonders there are to see, with most less than an hour away from Bamberg along the B 470. Try starting with the town of Pottenstein which has Europe's longest summer bob sledding track, CIV:09243-92200, daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Blues and Jazz Festival

Come check out Germany's largest blues and jazz festival, held right here in Bamberg from Mon. Aug. 6 to Sun. Aug. 12. With two outdoor stages and free entry, it's a must for any blues or jazz lover. For a list of show times go to www.bamberg.army.mil

Caves to visit:

Fantastic, bizarre columns of limestone, shaped over millions of years, plus a chilly 9°C inside.

- Devil's Cave** Pottenstein, M-F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., www.teufelshoehle.de
Bing Cave Muggendorf near Streitberg, open daily from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sophien Cave Ahorntal, open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. www.ahorntal.de
Maximilians Cave Neuhaus-Krottensee (91284) Germany's biggest Tropfstein, open April to Oct. guided tours, check out www.maximiliansgrotte.de
Osterhöhle Neukirchen near Sulzbach-Rosenberg, open daily till last Sun. in Oct., guided tours on Sun. with 5 people min. CIV:09663-1718 www.neukirchen-bei-sulzbach-rosenberg.de

Castles: (call for operating hours)

- Burg Egloffstein** www.burg-egloffstein.de, CIV:09197-8780
Burg Gößweinstein CIV:09242 -7199
Schloss Greifenstein Heiligenstadt, CIV:09198-423 www.schloss-greifenstein.de
Burg Pottenstein CIV:09243-7221 www.BurgPottenstein.de
Burg Rabeneck CIV:09202-565
Burg Rabenstein CIV:09202-9700440 www.burg-rabenstein.de
Burg Waischenfeld CIV:09196-92980 www.burgwaischenfeld.de
Burg Zwernitz Sanspareil, CIV:09274-330

As seen in the NEWS ...

News summaries from July 27 through August 2 More GI's for Franconia?

Bamberg – Allegedly the American military is no longer interested in further reducing the troops in Franconia. As indicated by the Bavarian State Chancellery the US military strategists are even considering an extension of US Army presence in Europe – quite opposite to earlier plans. If the military is successful with its demands the US garrisons in Bamberg and Schweinfurt would be most likely to stay beyond the year 2012. The decision is to be made in 2007.

Tough situation for flood victims

The floods of the past week caused damages up to 22 million Euro. However, those hit by the floods will find themselves in desperate situations. Only few people will be eligible for financial support by the Bavarian government, because by law the money can only be granted to those people that applied for special house insurance but were rejected by the insurance company.

Attempt for world record stopped early

A man who tried to set a new world record for riding the roller coaster in the Geiselwind Fun Park had to give up. While he wanted to made 7 000 rides, he was forced to stop after 528 rounds following the diagnosis of a slipped vertebral disk.

New partnership

The County of Bamberg has signed a cooperation contract with the Polish county of Jelenia Gora. The cooperation is to focus on cultural exchange, tourism, sports and health. County Commissioner Dr. Denzler was most pleased with the cooperation and the "new friend".

Athletes to become Bamberg politicians?

Preparing the electoral list for the upcoming city council election the local SPD (Social Democratic Party) is considering to list Armin Andres, a former basketball professional, as well as Christoph Starke, coach of the soccer team FC Eintracht, and marathon runner Detlev Hohmuth. On the other hand, their opponents, the CSU (Christian Social Union) engaged basketball coach Volker Stix. The idea is that prominent names catch voters.

Quick bridge won

The city council decided in favor of the suspension bridge version which is cheaper and quicker to build. The new bridge will replace the former Kettenbruecke across the canal in downtown Bamberg. Construction works are scheduled to be finished by 2010.

Motorway junction to get eight lanes

The motorway junction Bamberg with highways 70 and 73 has many deficits resulting in accidents. Now the authorities of Northern Bavaria started with the plans for reconstruction the junction in accordance with modern traffic requirements. That includes extending to eight lanes, wider curves and longer drive-ups.

Sources: Information collected/translated from *Fraenkischer Tag*